

Remarks

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed February 3, 2003. An appropriate Petition for Extension of Time to Respond is submitted herewith, together with the appropriate fee.

Claims 12-21 were pending in the Application prior to the outstanding Office Action. In the Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 13-15 and 17-21, and objected to claim 16. The present Response amends claims 16, leaving for the Examiner's present consideration claims 13-21.

Drawings

The Office Action indicated that the proposed drawing correction filed on September 18, 2002 has been approved and that proper drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office Action. Application respectfully submits Figures 1, 4B, 5B, 13A, 14A-C, 15A-C, 16A as corrected drawings.

Examiner indicated that the drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they do not include reference signs mentioned in the description. Applicant thanks the Examiner for catching these errors, and respectively submits that these are typographical errors in the specification as opposed to omissions in the drawings. Applicant has amended the specification herewith to correct the typographical errors and submits the drawings are in condition to overcome this rejection.

Specification

The Office Action indicated that the disclosure is objected to because on page 4, " x-x' " should be replaced with " b-b' " and " y-y' " should be replaced with " c-c' ". Applicant thanks the Examiner for finding this typographical error in the specification and has amended the specification accordingly. Application respectfully submits that specification is now in condition to overcome this objection.

The Office Action indicated that the title of the application is not descriptive and a new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed. Applicant has amended the title to

that proposed by the Examiner and respectfully submits that the title is now in condition to overcome this objection.

Claim Objection

The Office Action indicated claim 16 was objected to because the occurrences of gate in the claim should be replaced with photosresist. Claim 16 has been amended to correct this informality. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 16 is now in condition to overcome this objection and requests the objection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he [she] can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

Enclosed is a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for extending the time to respond up to and including today, March 3, 2003.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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